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IN EPIDERMAL DIFFERENTIATION,  
AND USE THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 28, 2008, Applicants elects for further prosecution the invention of Group I (claims 1-6 and 8) and nucleic acids encoding SEQ ID NO: 8 (e.g., SEQ ID NO: 7) without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in divisional applications.